the Eighty-ninth Report of the Public Accounts Committee (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Tube Making Plant at Jabalpur.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY (Orissa): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Thirty-eighth Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Twenty-fourth Report (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Social Responsibilities and Public Accountability on Public Undertakings.

Leave of Absence

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Hon. Members, I have to inform you that a letter has been received from Shri Mohammad Yunus stating that he suffered a fracture on his back and was advised complete bed rest. He will not be in a position to attend the House during the current Session. He has, therefore, requested for leave of abseance from all the sittings of the House during the current Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Mohammad Yunus for remaining absent from all the sittings of the House during the current Session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MATANG SINH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move:

That this house concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Lok Sabha for the term ending on the 30th April, 1996, and do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, seven members from among the members of the House to serve on the said Committee.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

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MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MATANG SINH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move:

That this house resolves that the Rajya Sabha do join the Committee of both Houses on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the term ending on the 30th April, 1996, and do proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, ten members from among the members of the House to serve on the said Committee.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

RE. SITUATION IN BIHAR

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Shri Sikander Bakht, Please. (*Interruptions*).

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी (उत्तर प्रदेश): होम मिनिस्टर साहब कुछ बयान दे रहे थे बिहार के मसले पर...(व्यवधान)

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): I think, the Home Minister wants to say something. (*Interruption*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, we request the Home Minister to agree to...(*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, the subject is there. If the Leader of the House wants to respond, he can do so...(*Interruptions*).

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): I got in touch with the Bihar Government and I am expecting a fax message from them. As soon as the fax message comes, and if I am satisfied that it contains all the details that were discussed on the floor of the House, I will certainly be able to made a statement either before the end of the day or within a day or two.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Shri Sikander Bakht, please...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, the Minister's response to the grave situation in Bihar appears to be far from adequate. What do we do? I think the suggestion made by Mr. Fotedar that a committee of the House be sent there should be considered and...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: No, no. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Let him get the information first...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. UPENDRA: I don't think it will be fair.... (*Interruptions*). I don't think it will be correct.... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Are you agreeing to take the subject of law and order from the State? (*Interruptions*). You can come out with the proposals.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No. In Bihar, the Governor sends the report to the Election Commission behind the back of the Chief Minister there.....(*Interruptions*). Mr. Seshan is the *de facto* Chief Minister there. There is no Government there. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, the hon. Home Minister has said that after getting the full facts, he will come back to the House before the end of the day or within a day or two. You kindly wait till that time. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): But, Sir, we are not agreeable to this suggestion...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): I totally disagree with the suggestion of sending a committee to Bihar. Whatever may be the situation in Bihar, we have to work within certain parameters. We cannot violate the Constitutional law to suit our purpose. We do not agree...(*Interruptions*).

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (हरियाणा): उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, गृह मंत्री जी कार्रवाई करके सदन को अवगत कराएं।....(**व्यवधान**) गृह मंत्री जी ने अपने वक्तव्य में यह आशंका व्यक्त की है कि.....(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: We are not agreeable to the suggestion made here....(*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: It was not my suggestion. It was a suggestion made by Mr. Fotedar. If there is no consensus, I am not pressing it. But, we don't have a State Government which is being permitted to function there...(*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, you had raised that point during the Question Hour. Kindly let the other Members speak now. (*Interruptions*). Dr. Biplab Dasgupta, kindly take your seat ....(*Interruptions*).

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): The solution that he is suggesting might create a Constitutional problem. So, he is withdrawing it. Let us drop it Now. But let us think of the other ways of handling the situation ...(*Interruptions*).

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, अभी गृह मंत्री जी यह कह रहे थे कि बिहार में सरकार नाम की कोई चीज नहीं है और नई सरकार कार्रवाई करेगी....(**व्यवधान**)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY): Kindly take your seat....(*Interruptions*). Kindly take your seat....(*Interruptions*).

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम: उपसभापति जी, मैं कहता हूं कि वहां पर राष्ट्रपति शासन लागू कराईए.....(**व्यवधान**)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, kindly take your seat....*(Interruptions)*. The Home Minister has already responded.

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी: पौलिटिकल बातें इसमें न लाएं। बिहार में गया का जो मैटर है, उस मैटर की संसदीय तौर पर समझकर उस पर फैसला लेना चाहिए। इसमें पौलिटिकल बात मत कीजिए.....(**व्यवधान**)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Sikander Bakht, you raise your point, please. *(Interruptions)*.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): The hon. Home Minister has already said that he will come with a statement in this House....*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Sir, the suggestion made by Shri Jaipal Reddy is welcome because now many States are ruled by the non-Congress Governments. Now, we see the true colour of the political parties. They don't want an inquiry into the atrocities on women. If they are sincere, why don't they order an enquiry?

...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): No, No.....*(Interruptions)*...Mr. Vayalar Ravi, you take your seat. The Home Minister has already answered these points. Kindly take your seat .....*(Interruptions)*... Now, Shri Sikander Bakht.

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकंदर बख्त): सर साहब, बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद..... एक माननीय सदस्य: एक बार जयपाल जी का खत्म हो जाए तो फिर सिकंदर बख्त साहब....(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I tabled a notice for discussing the situation in Bihar, not merely in regard to the atrocious rape incident, but also in regard to other aspects of the situation. The Leader of the Opposition said that he will be with us on one question and he would have his own views on another question. he is, certainly, entitled to have his own views, but let me articulate my views....*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, you wanted the suspension of the Question Hour ....*(Interruptions)*....

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली): पहले सिकंदर साहब का है.....(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. ViceChairman, the Constitution of India has collapsed and we are only bothered about the proper regulation of the Zero Hour....*(Interruptions)*....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) Mr. Jaipal Reddy, the Home Minister is coming with a statement. At that point of time you can seek all these clarifications. I tell *(Interruptions)*.

श्री विष्णु कांत शास्त्री (उत्तर प्रदेश): पहले सिकंदर बख्त साहब को बोलने के लिए कहा गया है।....(**व्यवधान**)

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सिकंदर बख्त साहब के बाद आप बोलिए।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I am not on the rape incident alone. I am dealing with the extraordinary situation that has arisen in Bihar.....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Sir, when the Chair has identified Mr. Sikander Bakht, why is he not allowing him to raise that issue?

आप हमारे नेता की शराफत का नाजायज फायदा मत उठाएं।....(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: She is bothered about the regulation of the Zero Hour, but I am bothered about the collapse of the Constitution of India. Who is ruling in Bihar? What is happening in Bihar? How long can the elections go on? When will the counting start?....*(Interruptions)*.....These are various questions to which this House needs to address itself....*(Interruptions)*.....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): That point was raised by you during the Question Hour.....*(Interruptions)*.....That point was raised by you during the Question Hour....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No, No..... *(Interruptions)*.....

Mr. Vice-Chairman, the Bihar issue is urgent because we are witnessing a Constitutional crisis there.....*(Interruptions)*.....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, it is absolutely unjust....*(Interruptions)*.....The Chairman has not given any permission for its. It is

absolutely unjust.....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, they are only concerned about the proper regulation of the Zero Hour and unconcerned about the proper functioning of the Constitution of India.....*(Interruptions)*....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Yes, you can bring it through a proper motion. You can't raise it all of a sudden....*(Interruptions)*....If you want you can raise it through a proper motion .....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR (Uttar Pradesh): He can't raise it ...*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: During the Question Hour I said, you will kindly recollect, Mr. Vice-Chairman....*(Interruptions)*....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, let me take up the Zero Hour then I will allow you.....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI (Orissa): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I have a point of order. Sir ...*(Interruptions)*...

(THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Yes, yes .....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: No. no.....*(Interruptions)*....

सिकंदर बख्त साहब, आप खड़े होकर बोलिए। .....(व्यवधान)

SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: No, no. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: Sir, I am on a point of order....*(Interruptions)*....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): No, no. There can't be any point of order during the Zero Hour ....*(Interruptions)*....There can be no point of order during the Zero Hour....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA: May I submit....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: I am on a point of order on the Bihar issue ...*(Interruptions)*....

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no. *(Interruptions)*....

AN HON. MEMBER: When will the Bihar elections be over ...*(Interruptions)*....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): There is no point of order during the Zero Hour....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I suggest that one after another the hon. members should raise the issue *(Interruptions)*.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Let Mr. Sikander Bakht speak. Let him speak.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jaipal Reddy, kindly take your seat *(Interruptions)*.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, पहले आप सिकन्दर बख्त साहब को बोलने दीजिए। सिकन्दर बख्त साहब आप बोलिए। .....(व्यवधान)....आजमी साहब, इनके बाद वे बोले।.....(व्यवधान)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: After the Leader of Opposition, we shall speak....*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Shri Sikander Bakht. I called Mr. Sikander Bakhat.....*(Interruptions)*.

RE. ALLEGED DISRESPECT SHOWN TO SHRI R.L. BHATIA, MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BY PAKISTANI HIGH COMMISSION.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : (मध्य प्रदेश) : सदर साहब, पिछले थ्रसडे को पाकिस्तान के हाई कमिश्नर ने एक रिसेप्शन पाकिस्तान के नेशनल डे के मौके पर दिया। वहां पर एक बहुत अफसोसनाक हादसा हुआ जो कि बड़ी तफसील के साथ अखबारात में आया है। श्री आर.एल. भाटिया जो हमारे एक्सटर्नल एफियर्स के स्टेट मिनिस्टर है, उन्होंने वहां पर राष्ट्रपति की नुमाइन्दगी की। यह पहली मर्तबा हुआ कि हमारे मुल्क के राष्ट्रपति की जो नुमाइन्दगी करता है, उसके लिए जो सीटों का अरेंजमेंट होता है, वह नहीं हुआ। वहां पर वे गए तो उनके लिए कोई सिटिंग अरेंजमेंट नहीं था। इत्तफाक से आर.एल. भाटिया साहब के जाने से पहले वहां प्रोटोकोल के लोगों को भेजा गया। उन लोगों ने पाकिस्तान के हाई कमिश्नर से पूछा कि उनके लिए सिटिंग अरेंजमेंट कहा है, जहां वे आकर बैठे। राष्ट्रपति जी की नुमाइन्दगी करने के लिए आर.एल. भाटिया साहब आपके नेशनल डे.के. मौके पर आ रहे है, उनकी कुर्सी कहां रखी